# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1223
ANSWERED ON:03.03.2016
Irregularities in Auction of Coal Blocks
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(a) whether the Government has submitted the report regarding irregularities in recent auction of coal blocks in the country to the concerned court;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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(d) if so, the details thereof along with the present coal reserves in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (I/C) FOR COAL, POWER, NEW & RENEWABLE ENERGY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a): There is no court case alleging any irregularities in the recent auction of coal blocks and as such, the Government is not required to submit any report to a court in this regard.

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(c) & (d): Review meetings have been held at regular intervals with the allocates of the coal mines/blocks as well as with the representatives of the State(s) concerned with a view to bring allocated coal mines into production expeditiously. Further, Coal India Limited (CIL) has envisaged doubling of its coal production by 2019-20 for which following steps have been taken:

i. Mines / projects to produce about 908.10 Million Tonnes have already been identified and further plans to augment production up to 1000 Million Tonnes are being developed.
ii. An assessment of the need for up-gradation of technology presently under practice in CIL mines and scope for further modernization has been carried out.
iii. In order to maintain the planned growth in production and evacuation in future, CIL has undertaken three major Railway infrastructure projects to be executed by Indian Railways in coalfields of South Eastern Coalfields Limited, Mahanadi Coalfields Limited, & Central Coalfields Limited.
iv. Exploration capacity is being increased through induction of modern equipment and outsourcing.
v. High capacity mines are being planned with deployment of high capacity/ high productivity equipment in Open Cast & Underground mines.
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